

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the above-mentioned Final Office Action, claims 175 and 190 were objected to due to various informalities; 11, 52 and 169-175 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glowiak; claims 4, 179, 181, 184 and 186 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glowiak in view of Cook; claim 66 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glowiak in view of Pederson and Ericson; claim 176 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glowiak in view of Ondiviela; claim 177 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glowiak in view of Hasegawa; claims 178 and 183 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glowiak; claims 57-58, 78-168 and 188-194 were allowed; and claims 180, 182, 185 and 187 were objected to.

The allowance of claims 57-58, 78-168 and 188-194 is acknowledged with appreciation; and these claims remain in the application.

Allowable dependent claims 180, 182, 185 and 187 have been rewritten as new independent claims 195, 196, 197 and 198, respectively. They are thus in condition for allowance.

Claim 190 has been amended as requested by the Examiner to correct a clerical error.

Claims 4, 11, 52, 66, 169-179, and 181-187 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New independent claim 199, and dependent claims 200-212 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that claim 199, is patentable over the prior art of record including Glowiak. The "numbering means" of claim 199, is not disclosed in the prior art.

The plurality of indicia according to one aspect of the present invention help align various number of tabs, evenly spaced along the document edge, not just one number

of tabs. For instance, the indicia can allow for four evenly spaced tabs along the document edge, or five evenly spaced tabs, or six evenly spaced tabs.

FIGS. 3 and 23 show indicia which can be used for several different numbers of evenly spaced tabs. These two figures show slightly different indicia schemes, however. In FIG. 3, the indicia are used to identify which set of horizontal lines to use to align "n" tabs. For instance, to align "8" tabs evenly, the user would use the horizontal lines labeled with an "8." In FIG. 23, the indicia are used to identify which horizontal line refers to each tab position once the total number of tabs to be aligned has been identified or selected. For instance, to align "7" tabs evenly, the user would find the column identified with "7 TABS" and use the horizontal lines in that column to align the respective tabs 1-7.

The following paragraphs in the present specification refer to how the indicia can be used to identify the appropriate horizontal lines to use depending on the total number of tabs desired to be spaced evenly: 0010 (end), 0050 (middle), 0056, 0078 (beginning).

Thus, the layout of the indicia and tab position indicators (horizontal lines) allows for multiple sets of indicia and tab position indicators to be clearly designated on the same tool. With multiple sets of indicia and tab position indicators, multiple sets of tabs can be evenly spaced. That is, the indicia in the current invention can be used to evenly align several different number of tabs. In contrast, the indicia shown in Glowiak each appear to align the same number of tabs.

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that all of the claims now pending are patentable over the prior art of record. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order.

If there are any remaining issues, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel at (213) 689-5142 to seek to resolve them.

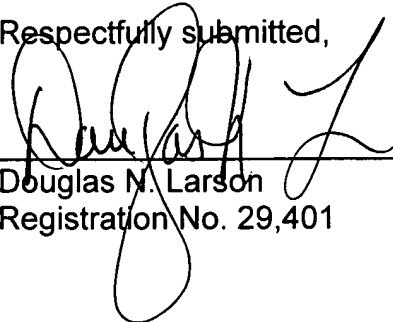
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additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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